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**October Crop Production**



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Estimates in this release reflect the crop conditions as October 1, 2018. While preliminary damage in South Carolina from Hurricane Florence is included in this report, the effects from Hurricane Michael have yet to be assessed and will be reflected in the November Crop Production Report to be released on November 8, 2018.

Corn production in the United States is forecast at 14.8 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 180.7 bushels per acre. If realized, this will be the highest yield and second highest production on record for the United States. Soybean production is forecast at a record 4.69 billion bushels, up 6 percent from last year. All cotton production is forecast at 19.8 million 480-pound bales, down 6 percent from 2017.

### Key findings for the Southern Region from the October Crop Production report

**Alabama:** Corn area planted for all purposes remains at 250,000 acres. With a yield forecast at a record high 176 bushels per acre, corn for grain production is at 41.4 million bushels, up 5 percent from 2017. Cotton production is forecast at 1.12 million bales, up 39 percent from 2017. If realized this will be the second highest production on record and the highest yield at 1,065 pounds per acre. While yield is forecast at a record high 4,100 pounds per acre, peanut production, at 668 million pounds, is down 5 percent from 2017. Soybean planted acreage is revised down 20,000 acres from June to 340,000 acres. Production is forecast at 15.4 million bushels, down 3 percent from 2017. Pecan production is forecast at 1.80 million pounds, a decrease of 3 percent from last year.

**Florida:** Corn area planted for all purposes is revised up to 100,000 acres, 33 percent increase from 2017. Forecasted Cotton production remains at 220,000 bales, a 42 percent increase from last year. With a yield forecast at a record high 4,200 pounds per acre, peanut production is at 613 million pounds. Soybean planted acreage is revised up from June to 17,000 acres. Sugarcane for sugar and seed production is forecast at 16.9 million tons, down slightly from 2017.

**Georgia:** Corn area planted for all purposes is revised down to 325,000 acres, a 35,000 acre decrease from June. With a yield forecast at 170 bushels per acre, corn for grain production is at 46.8 million bushels, up 8 percent from 2017. Cotton production is forecast at 2.9 million bales, an increase of 100,000 bales from last month and up 30 percent from last year. Peanut production remains at 2.95 billion pounds, down 17 percent from 2017's record high production. Soybean planted acreage is revised down 60,000 acres to 140,000 acres. Production is forecast at 4.86 million bushels, down 23 percent from 2017. Tobacco production remains at 22.5 million pounds, down 14 percent from last year. Pecan production is forecast at 110 million pounds, an increase of 3 percent from last year.

**South Carolina:** Corn area planted for all purposes is revised up 10,000 acres from June to 340,000 acres. With a yield forecast of 121 bushels per acre, corn for grain production is at 37.5 million bushels, down 15 percent from 2017. While damage assessments from Hurricane Florence are still ongoing, cotton harvested acreage is revised down to 290,000 acres and peanuts harvested is revised down to 82,000 acres. Cotton production is forecast at 485,000 bales, down 11 percent from last month but up 3 percent from 2017. Peanut production is forecast at 295 million pounds, down 8 percent from last month and down 37 percent from last year's record high production. Soybean planted acreage is revised down 30,000 acres from June to 390,000 acres. Production is forecast at 12.0 million bushels, down 19 percent from 2017. Tobacco production is forecast at 20.4 million pounds, down 19 percent from last year.

**Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2017 and Forecasted October 1, 2018**

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018		2017	2018
						September 1	October 1		
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)				(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn <sup>1</sup> .....(bushels)									
Alabama.....	250	250	235	235	167.0	173.0	176.0	39,245	41,360
Florida <sup>2</sup> .....	75	100	37	60	161.0			5,957	
Georgia.....	290	325	245	275	176.0	170.0	170.0	43,120	46,750
South Carolina .....	350	340	325	310	136.0	124.0	121.0	44,200	37,510
United States .....	90,167	89,140	82,703	81,767	176.6	181.3	180.7	14,604,067	14,777,826
Cotton, all <sup>3</sup> ..... (bales)									
Alabama.....	435.0	510.0	430.0	505.0	902	1,041	1,065	808.0	1,120.0
Florida.....	99.0	118.0	98.0	116.0	759	910	910	155.0	220.0
Georgia.....	1,280.0	1,430.0	1,270.0	1,420.0	841	946	980	2,225.0	2,900.0
South Carolina .....	250.0	300.0	248.0	290.0	912	886	803	471.0	485.0
United States .....	12,612.5	14,042.0	11,100.4	10,525.4	905	895	901	20,922.5	19,763.0
Hay, all other..... (tons)									
Alabama.....	(NA)	(NA)	860	850	2.50	(NA)	3.20	2,150	2,720
Florida <sup>2</sup> .....	(NA)	(NA)	300		2.50	(NA)		750	
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	620	600	2.90	(NA)	3.10	1,798	1,860
South Carolina <sup>2</sup> .....	(NA)	(NA)	260		2.60	(NA)		676	
United States .....	(NA)	(NA)	37,221	37,717	2.05	(NA)	1.98	76,387	74,857
Peanuts ..... (pounds)									
Alabama.....	195.0	165.0	193.0	163.0	3,650	4,000	4,100	704,450	668,300
Florida.....	195.0	155.0	185.0	146.0	3,450	4,100	4,200	638,250	613,200
Georgia.....	835.0	665.0	825.0	655.0	4,330	4,500	4,500	3,572,250	2,947,500
South Carolina .....	122.0	87.0	118.0	82.0	4,000	3,800	3,600	472,000	295,200
United States .....	1,871.6	1,426.5	1,775.6	1,384.5	4,007	4,151	4,167	7,115,410	5,769,050
Soybeans.....(bushels)									
Alabama.....	350	340	345	335	46.0	44.0	46.0	15,870	15,410
Florida <sup>2</sup> .....	15	17	14	16	34.0			476	
Georgia.....	155	140	150	135	42.0	40.0	36.0	6,300	4,860
South Carolina .....	400	390	390	375	38.0	32.0	32.0	14,820	12,000
United States .....	90,142	89,145	89,522	88,348	49.3	52.8	53.1	4,410,673	4,689,628
Sugarcane <sup>4</sup> ..... (tons)									
Florida.....	(NA)	(NA)	412.7	412.0	41.1	40.8	41.0	16,942	16,892
United States .....	NA	(NA)	904.1	925.0	36.8	35.5	35.8	33,238	33,113
Tobacco..... (pounds)									
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	12.5	12.5	2,100	1,800	1,800	26,250	22,500
South Carolina .....	(NA)	(NA)	12.0	12.0	2,100	1,800	1,700	25,200	20,400
United States .....	(NA)	(NA)	321.5	302.0	2,209	2,088	1,814	710,161	547,812

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

<sup>2</sup> Blank cells indicate that individual state level estimates will be published in the *Crop Production 2018 Summary*, released January 2019.

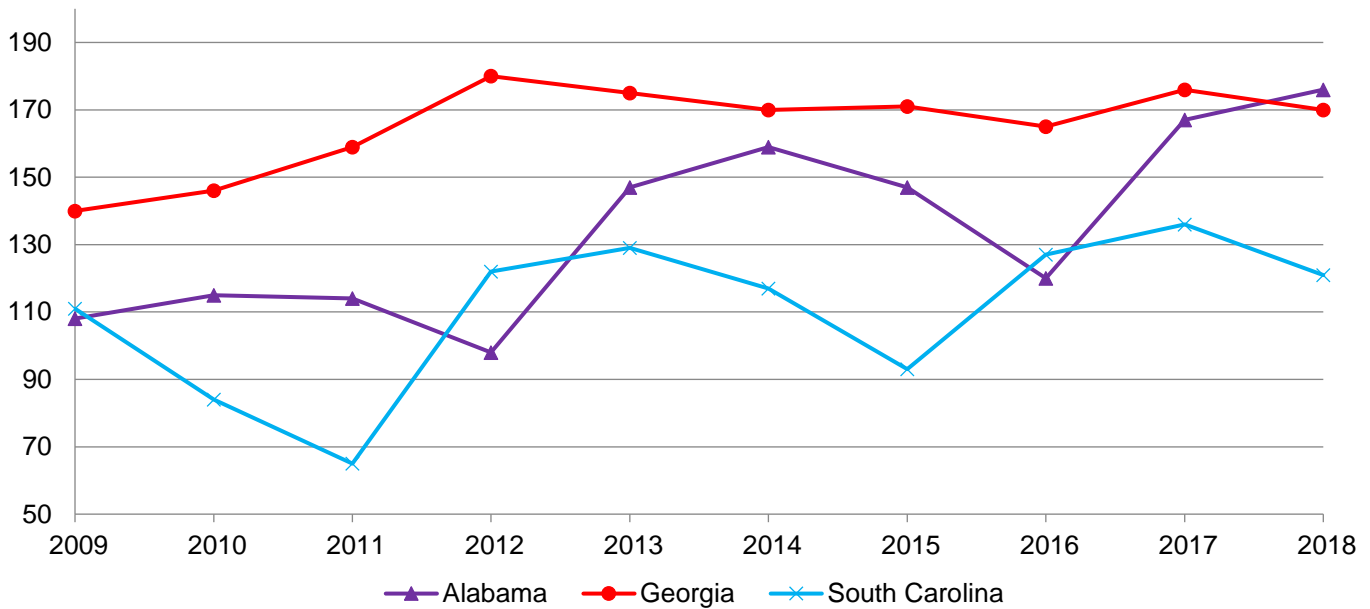
<sup>3</sup> Yield is in pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

<sup>4</sup> For sugar and seed.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production*, October 2018

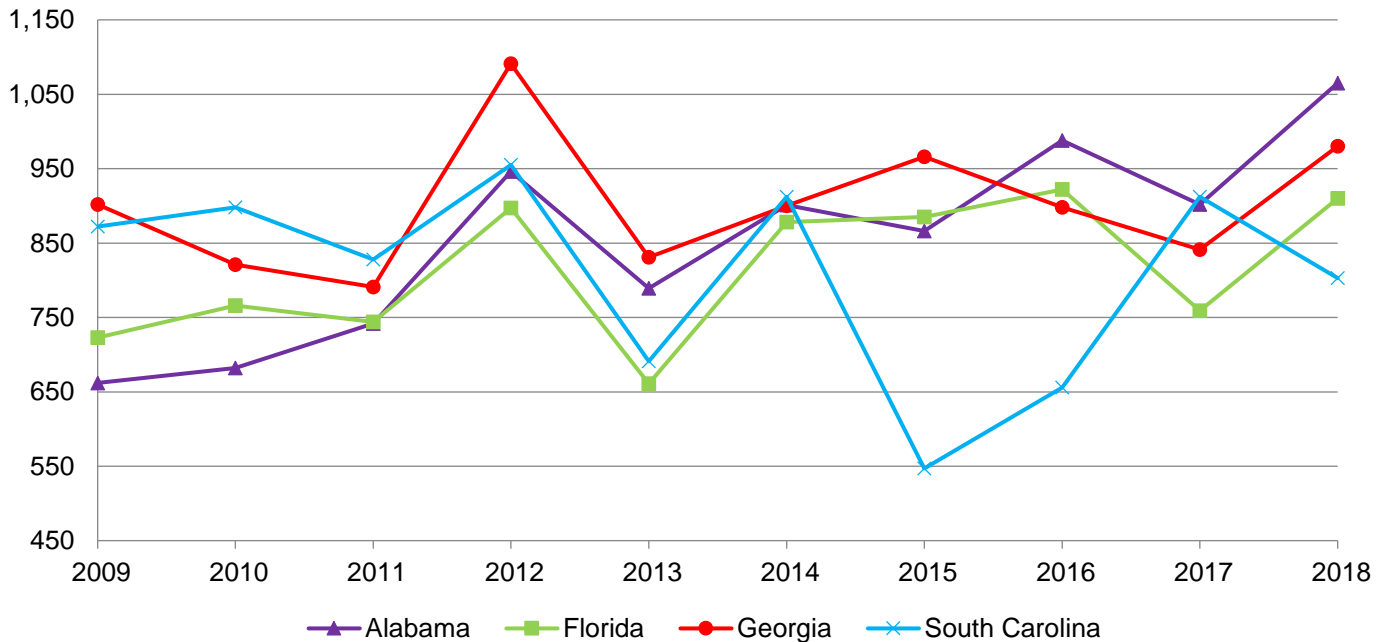
## Southern Region Corn Yield — Selected States: 2009-2018

Bushels per acre



## Southern Region Cotton Yield : 2009-2018

Pounds per acre



## Pecan Production — States and United States: 2017 and Forecasted October 1, 2018

State	Utilized production (in-shell basis)	
	2017	2018
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Alabama .....	1,850	1,800
Georgia .....	107,000	110,000
United States .....	293,850	278,900

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production*, October 2018

## Georgia Pecan Utilized Production: 2009-2018

1,000 pounds

